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[54] **HAPTIC ATTACHMENT FOR INTRAOCULAR LENSES**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An intraocular lens (**10**) adapted for use as artificial lens implant is disclosed. The intraocular lens (**10**) includes an optical lens body (**11**) having an convex upper surface (**11***a*) and a bottom surface (**11***b*). The convex surface (**11***a*) has a peripheral zone (**15**) and an apex (**16**). The lens body (**11**) has a height of a distance from the apex (**16**) to the bottom surface (**11***b*). A haptic element mounting means comprises a first boss (**13***a*) cooperatively connected to the convex surface (**11***a*) within the peripheral zone (**15**). The first boss (**13***a*) has a height that does not extend substantially above a plane parallel to the bottom surface (**11***b*) and the plane contains the apex (**16**) of the optical lens body (**11**). The first boss (**13***a*) does not substantially increase the height of the optical lens body (**11**). In a preferred embodiment, the intraocular lens (**10**) includes a first and second haptic element (**12***a*) and (**12***b*) cooperatively connected to the first boss (**13***a*) and second boss (**13***b*). In another embodiment, an intraocular lens (**50**) includes a lens body (**11**) and bosses (**13***a*), (**13***b*), (**13***c*), and (**13***d*) cooperatively connected to the convex surface (**11***a*). The haptic elements (**52**) and (**53**) are cooperatively connected to the bosses (**13***a*), (**13***b*), (**13***c*) and (**13***d*) and the haptic elements (**52**) and (**53**) extend outwardly and downwardly from the lens body (**11**), wherein the lens (**11**) is supported in a spaced relation anteriorly to the iris (**23**) of an eye.

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